

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 461
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marvin E. Alexander,
1997 All-Around World Champion Auctioneer.

WHEREAS, the profession of auctioneering has a long and illustrious history, tracing its roots to ancient Rome and Greece; and

WHEREAS, after rigorous competition, Marvin E. Alexander, a beloved resident of Martin, received the prestigious 1997 All-Around World Champion Auctioneer title, thus continuing the rich legacy of the profession in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Auctioneer's Association of Canada, this exciting event took place on August 9, 1997 in Calgary; and

WHEREAS, the competition consisted of an actual auction, in which each contestant sold four items; five finalists then sold an additional four items; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander is the owner of Alexander Auctions and Real Estate Sales, which has been in business in Martin since 1964; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary firm has conducted more than 2,300 auctions and offers a full-time real estate agency that lists and sells homes, lots and farms on a private basis; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished citizen of our state has many other honors to his credit; and

WHEREAS, these honors include: being the 1989 International Auctioneer Champion at the National Auctioneer's Association Convention; being one of 15 finalists at the 1988

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International Auctioneer's Championship, distinction as the 1988 Tennessee Auctioneer Bid Calling champion, and having competed in the 1988 World Livestock Auctioneer Contest; and

WHEREAS, he also won special recognition as one of 15 finalists in the 1983 World Livestock Auctioneer Contest, the 1977 runner-up Champion of the Eastern Region, the 1976 World Champion of the Eastern Region and the 1974 World Champion of the Eastern Region; and

WHEREAS, this great auctioneer is deserving of recognition by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Marvin E. Alexander and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.